

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

CHARLESTON DIVISION

B. P. J., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:21-cv-00316

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, et al.,

Defendants.

SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 16(b) and Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1(e), it is **ORDERED** that this case shall proceed as follows:

Filing of dispositive motions.	7/22/2024
Responses to dispositive motions.	8/5/2024
Reply to response to dispositive motion	8/12/2024
Settlement meeting deadline.	9/23/2024
Filing of motions in limine.	9/30/2024
Responses to motions in limine.	10/7/2024
Plaintiff draft of pretrial order to defendant.	9/26/2024
Integrated pretrial order filed by defendant.	10/3/2024
Pretrial conference.	10/28/2024 10:00 AM
Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	11/12/2024
Bench Trial	11/19/2024 9:00 AM

Regarding the settlement meeting, the parties and their lead trial counsel, if any, shall meet and conduct negotiations looking toward the settlement of the action, and counsel and any unrepresented parties will be prepared at the pretrial conference to certify that they have done so. Counsel for the plaintiff(s) shall take the initiative in scheduling the settlement meeting, and all

other counsel and unrepresented parties shall cooperate to effect such negotiations. If the action is not settled during the settlement meeting, and if there is no order or stipulation to the contrary, counsel and unrepresented parties shall make all Rule 26(a)(3) disclosures at the conclusion of the meeting or session.

The proposed integrated pretrial order, signed by all counsel and unrepresented parties, shall set forth the matters listed in Local Rule 16.7(b).

At the pretrial conference, lead trial counsel shall appear fully prepared to discuss all aspects of the case. Individuals with full authority to settle the case for each party shall be present in person or immediately available by telephone.

The original and one copy of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on substantive theories of recovery or defense and damages shall be exchanged and submitted to the presiding judicial officer. On that same date, the respective submissions shall also be provided to the undersigned on compact disc saved in Word compatible format or emailed to chambers according to instructions provided by the court's law clerk.

Should lead trial counsel fail to appear at any pre-trial conference or otherwise fail to meet and confer in good faith with opposing counsel as required herein, or should a party or his authorized representative fail to appear or be available at any conference or otherwise fail to meet and confer in good faith as required herein, appropriate sanctions may be imposed, including, but not limited to, sanctions by way of imposition of attorney fees against the attorney and/or his client pursuant to Rule 16(f).

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this order to all counsel of record and any unrepresented parties.

ENTER: May 20, 2024


JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE